

20th March 1963]

SRI T. L. SASIVARNA THEVAR: I am not accusing the Chair, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member Sri K. Mookiah Thevar said that because I was postponing it, so many things were happening. Saying such a thing amounts to insinuating the Chair.

SRI T. L. SASIVARNA THEVAR: No, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member cannot say 'No'. If the hon. Member wants it, I shall dispose of all the adjournment motions immediately. What does the hon. Member say?

(There was no reply from the hon. Member Sri T. L. Sasivarna Thevar).

MR. SPEAKER: My advice is that we shall wait till the short notice question is answered by the Hon. Minister for Finance.

Now we shall go to the next item.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE CONDITION OF PUPILS ADMITTED IN THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, KUMBAKONAM, WITH SYMPTOMS OF FOOD POISONING.

திரு. இராம. அரங்கண்ணல்: கும்பகோணத்திற்கு அண்மையிலுள்ள சுந்தரப் பெருமாள் கோயில் உயர்துவக்கப் பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த 40 மாணவர்கள், 1963 மார்ச் 6-ம் தேதியன்று மதிய உணவு உண்டபிறகு உணவில் விஷம் கலந்திருந்த அறிகுறிகளுடன் கும்பகோணம் அரசினர் மருத்துவமனை ஒன்றில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டதும் அவர்களின் துயரரிந்த நிலையும் பற்றிய அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தை கனம் நிதியமைச்சர் அவர்களின் கவனத்திற்கு கொண்டுவருகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mid-day meals consisting of 'Uppuma' made of corn meal and milk prepared out of milk-powder was served on 4th March 1963 to 70 students of Sankara Aided Elementary School, Sundaraperumalkoil Village, Thanjavur district. The 'Uppuma' was prepared with corn meal, vegetable oil, multi-purpose food, dried chillies, black-gram and mustard. About two hours after taking this "Uppuma" two students started vomiting and one complained of giddiness. All these students, numbering 40 in all who felt similar symptoms were taken to the Government Dispensary at Sundaraperumalkoil for treatment and all of them were given first-aid. These 40 students were subsequently admitted into the Government Hospital at Kumbakonam on the same day. Of these 39 students were discharged on the morning of the following day, i.e., 5th March 1963 as they were quite normal. The remaining one student was also discharged on 7th March 1963 after recovery. There were no casualties. Prompt medical attention was given to the students and the cause of food poisoning is under investigation.